GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:107
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OPENING OF DENTAL COLLEGES
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether a number of private dental colleges have been opened in the country after 2001 as reported in Jansatta dated August 30, 2006;

(b) if so, the facts reported therein;

(c) whether some of the dental colleges in the country do not conform to the laid down norms and are playing havoc with the future of the students; and

(d) if so, the details thereof alongwith the action taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (DR. ANBUMANI RAMADOSS)

(a)to(d): A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 107 FOR 29TH NOVEMBER, 2006

The Central Government has granted permission for establishment of 106 private dental colleges from 2001 after duly assessing the availability of infrastructure and facilities, including teaching faculty, as per the Regulations framed under the Dentists Act, 1948 (16 of 1948). In view of the increased number of dental colleges, the Central Government has increased the upper age limit for retirement of dental teaching faculty from 65 to 70 years to ensure availability of qualified and experienced dental teachers.

The standard of Dental education is maintained by ensuring that such permission for opening of new dental colleges/renewal of permission by Central Government is granted only after ensuring that the colleges have the required infrastructure as per the Regulations and through continued periodic inspections by Dental Council of India as per the Statute.

It is primarily the responsibility of the State Government to consider the desirability and feasibility of establishment of new dental colleges after having regard to the number of dental colleges existing in the State, the number of dental surgeons available and the dentists population ratio in the State, etc., while granted the Essentiality Certificate for establishment of a new dental college at a particular location.